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Finale: a) Annual review should be finished before the meeting. b) Norstad should outline his military views. c) Delegations should furnish in advance to the Secretary-General a resume of what points their chiefs will make.

Von Brentano then spoke of the budgetary deficits the RedRep would contract in connection with future military expenditures. He thought the present 9 billion DM defense budget of 1957 would increase to 14 billion next year, 17 in 1959 and 21 in 1960, creating a financial drain that perhaps Etzel should elaborate upon in Washington.

The Secretary commented briefly on these observations, and we all went to the State Department where the same presentation was made before a larger audience.

Tonight, E and I dined at the Dulles', [redacted] pleasantly and on admirable food. It was a small party in honor of the Foreign Minister.

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This morning the same group gathered again at Foster's house.

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Blankenhorn, whom gossip reports was sent here by the Chancellor to counter any possible tendency by von Brentano to be over-polite and not sufficiently forceful, intervened with a plea to the Secretary, on Adenauer's behalf, for consultations in the NATO Council prior to important actions being taken by member Governments, and when that was not practicable, for full information as to the reasons for such action immediately thereafter. Dulles asked what specific examples of failure to do so might be illustrative. [redacted]

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[redacted] Blankenhorn, must realize, he went on, the world-wide commitments and alliances of the United States, and our feeling we were entitled to a degree of confidence from our European friends, especially when we were dealing with matters which involved no responsibility on their part. [redacted]

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